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Export of Readymade Garments

3891. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme has been chalked out for the purpose of the export of ready-made garments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a state-wise quota has been fixed for the export of these garments; and

(d) if so, the details of the quota fixed for Haryana and Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Exports of garment categories covered by quota restrictions in terms of the bilateral agreements entered into by India with the importing countries concerned are governed by the Garment Export Entitlement Distribution Policy. The Policy lays down various guidelines for allocating quotas to eligible exporters. Government have taken a number of steps to boost export of garments like modernisation of Garment industry by allowing import of garment manufacturing machinery at concessional duty, organising buyer seller meets and participating in fairs, providing adequate encouragement to manufacturer-exporters and non-quota exports through Garment Quota Policy etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Progress of Ongoing Projects in Rajasthan

3892. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of work on the ongoing projects of inter-State road bridges in Rajasthan is slow; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Presumably, the Member is referring to the seven inter-State bridges in Rajasthan approved under Central Loan assistance programme for State Roads of inter-State or Economic Importance during 7th Plan. Since these bridges fall on State Roads, the Government of Rajasthan are primarily responsible for their execution and for taking steps to expedite the works.

Construction of Bye-passes in Rajasthan

3893. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals under consideration of the Government for constructing bye-pass on National Highways passing through Rajasthan; and

(b) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Land

for bypasses at Jaipur and Mahuwa is in process of being acquired by the State Government. Construction of these bypasses can be taken up only after the full land is in possession. Land acquisition for Udaipur bypass has been completed very recently, and detailed project for this bypass to be constructed in stages is being prepared by the PWD.

[English]

Berths at Cochin Port

3894. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of berths in Cochin at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to construct any additional berths at Cochin Port;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) In Cochin Port, there are 13 berths, viz., one fertilizer berth, three tanker berths, seven general cargo berths and two coal berths.

(b) One container berth is already under execution and is nearing completion.

(c) and (d). The project relating to provision of one container berth with full fledged container handling facilities is estimated to cost Rs. 53.11 crores. This is an A.D.B. assisted project. Most of the contracts relating to this project have since been completed and the expected date of completion is May, 1992.

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Utilisations of Powerloom Capacity.

3895. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 50 percent of the installed capacity of powerloom is utilised at present;

(b) if so, the reasons for not utilising its full capacity;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any concrete steps to encourage it in view of the possibility of the expansion of this industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reason for not utilising the capacity is the high rise in yarn prices, power cut, non-availability of working capital loans etc.

(c) and (d). Government is aware of various issues pertaining to the powerloom sector and has initiated action to upgrade the quality of fabric produced in powerlooms through modernisation of looms, training, etc.

(e) Does not arise.